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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

CONTAG et al.

Serial No.: 08/844,336

Filing Date: April 18, 1997

Title: BIODETECTORS TARGETED TO SPECIFIC
LIGANDS

Examiner: R. Zeman

Group Art Unit: 1645

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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Sir:

Applicants submit this request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 for the above-identified application.

Please consider the following submission(s) required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:

Amendment (7 pages)

Also enclosed are: Petition for Extension of Time (2 pages) and a Return receipt postcard.

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The fee for the request for continued examination is calculated as follows:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	15	- 27	0	x \$18.00	0
Independent Claims	1	- 3	0	x \$86.00	0
Multiple dependent claims not previously presented, add \$290.00					0
Total Amendment Fee					0
Continued Examination Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) of \$770.00					\$770.00
Petition for Extension of Time					\$420.00
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$1190.00

[X] A check for the total fee of \$1190.00 is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This paper is filed concurrently with a request for continued examination (RCE) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. A Notice of Appeal was filed on April 22, 2004 and an Advisory Action was mailed on May 4, 2004. A request for a two-month extension of time and appropriate fee is also submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.